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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/941,296	Applicant(s) WU ET AL.	
	Examiner Robert A. Zeman	Art Unit 1645	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-42,61 and 63-92 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 60 and 73-92 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-37,41,42,61 and 63-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 38-40 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Continuation of Attachment(s) 3). Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08), Paper No(s)/Mail Date :1-24-2002, 4-5-2004, 2-14-2005 + ~~1~~1-2005.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 8-23-2006 is acknowledged. Claims 34-42, 60-61 and 63-92 are pending. Claims 60 and 73-92 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Claims 34-42, 61 and 63-72 are currently under examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statements filed on 1-24-2002, 4-5-2004, 2-14-2005 and 6-1-2005 have been considered. Initial copies are attached hereto.

Specification

Applicant has not complied with one or more conditions for receiving the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 as follows:

An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification or in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)). The specific reference to any prior nonprovisional application must include the relationship (i.e., continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part) between the applications except when the reference is to a prior application of a CPA assigned the same application number. Additionally, the current status of each prior nonprovisional application must be provided.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 34-37, 41-42, 61 and 63-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Guirguis et al. (U.S. 2002/0094577 A1).

Guirguis et al. disclose a composition comprising a polyol and a non-ionic detergent (see abstract). Guirguis et al. further disclose that the polyol can be polyethylene glycol or glycerol (see paragraph [0012]) and the non-ionic detergent can be Tween 80 (see paragraph [0018]). They further disclosed the composition can further comprise a buffer (i.e. TRIS) and/or sodium chloride [see paragraph 0019]. Since the promotion of the maintenance of adenoviral activity is deemed an intended use and hence does not constitute a claim limitation, the cited art anticipates all the limitation of the rejected claims.

Conclusion

Claims 34-37, 41-42, 61 and 63-72 are rejected.

Claims 38-40 are objected to as being dependent on rejected claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert A. Zeman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0866.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Thursday, 7am -5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Albert Navarro can be reached on (571) 272-0861. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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